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1. The road located on the east side of Lake Rasy (Rasyjarvi) (N 69-39-10, E 31-14), north of Lake Trifona (N 69-37, E 31-14), runs in a north-south direction, passes on the east side of Lake Trifona, and joins the road from Liinakhamari (N 69-38-30, E 31-21-30) to Trifon on the east side of Lake Trifona. This road is about 1.5 to 2 meters wide and is suitable for horse-drawn vehicles. [redacted] the road to be good, considering the terrain, but [redacted] it was not used during summer 1953. About one kilometer to the northeast of this road, where it passes on the east side of Lake Rasy, there is a valley (hollow) where another road runs in a northern direction from Lake Trifona to Peura Fjord. This is a natural road with a hard gravel base, without drainage ditches. This road is normally unused; however, in early spring 1953, a tank traveled on this road and along the east side of the road. The width of the tank tracks was about 40 cm, and the distance between the tracks was about 1.5 meters. At the northeastern tip of Lake Trifona there is a road at the base of a sharp peak, about 50 to 60 meters high, running in an east-west direction, which may connect the two afore-mentioned north-south-bound roads at this point, forming a fork. Gravel has been extracted from this hill, and the road which connects the north-southbound roads has been used for hauling this gravel. On the south side of this road from the gravel pit there is one completed barracks type of building, and three under construction. Building materials, lumber, etc, are located near the buildings. Only three men were observed working on the easternmost building. In addition, there is a field of [redacted] root crops on the northern side of the building, which [redacted] being worked by three individuals. On the northern side of the road there are some other crops which are greener than others in the vicinity, but source does not know what they are.
2. A heavily traveled foot path is located west of the southern end of Lake Rasy, and runs in an east-west direction. A telephone line, with the cable strung in the trees, runs parallel to and about ten meters to the north of the foot path. About 15 to 20 meters north of this line there is another line of the same type, running in the same direction.

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3. On the northeastern shore of Lake Trifona, near the northeastern tip of the lake, there is a warehouse or garage type of building with several doors. It is about 35 to 40 meters long and 3.5 to 4 meters high. In front of this building there is a smooth level area, about 60 x 100 meters, which appears to be either a parking or training area. To the southeast of this building there is some undergrowth and bushes for a distance of 100 to 200 meters, and then another building of the same size and type as the one described above. A training area, about 50 x 100 meters, is located to the southeast of this building. On the southeasternmost part of this area, about 400 meters from the building, were four antiaircraft guns, which were covered by tarpaulins. The gun barrels were raised at about a 45-degree angle, pointing toward the north. The gun barrels were about three or four meters long, and [ ] their caliber as 50X1-HUM 45 mm. [ ] unable to determine the type of carriage of the guns. There were four trucks in front of the guns, but [ ] unable to determine 50X1-HUM they were; they were greenish-grey in color. 50X1-HUM
4. On the training area, near the guns, [ ] some sailors in blue dress and white caps. The caps were of the garrison type worn by officers or cadets. The men appeared to carry themselves well and moved about the area briskly. They were all of approximately the same size. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
5. About 200 meters farther to the southeast there is a group of buildings, several close together. The largest building is located in the center of the group, on the side of the area closest to the shore of the lake, about 100 to 150 meters from shore. There is a dock on the shore of the lake, about ten meters long and 1.5 to 2 meters wide. Southeast of the dock there is a new building, about 8 x 12 meters, with steps to the entrance, which is covered by a roof. Farther to the southeast there is another building of the same type. Both of these buildings house Soviet naval personnel, all of whom are dressed in regular sailor clothes. blue trousers and blouse and a round blue cap. [ ] About 200 to 300 meters southeast of these new barracks there is an older building which appeared to be in poor condition and unused. On the shore of the lake there is some sparse undergrowth, as there also is on the northeastern side farther from the shore. A road from the military area, running in a NW-SE direction, passes the northeast side of the warehouses and southwest side of the barracks and joins a road leading along the eastern shore of Lake Trifona to the northeast in the direction of Iinakhmari (see paragraph one of this report). The northernmost entrance gate to the military area is located on this road. The entrance gate is constructed of wood, with posts on both sides of the road and a board construction one meter wide overhead connecting the two posts. On the west side of the gate there is a guard hut, and a guard is standing at the gate. The warehouse buildings are located north of the gate. The junction between the roads is located at the easternmost point of Lake Trifona. There is a group of buildings on the southeastern side of this road, near the junction of the two roads. About one kilometer southwest of this group of buildings there are two building which appear to be unused. 50X1-HUM
6. On the shores of the bay to the south of Lake Trifona, and along the shores of the peninsula where Trifon is located, there are many new buildings which form a large village. 50X1-HUM
7. On the southeast side of the village of Trifon, a freighter was tied up at a dock in Petsamo Fjord. Its cargo was unloaded by the ship's winches onto trucks. About six or eight boxes were unloaded on each truck.
8. A three-masted vessel, about 35 to 40 meters in length, was anchored in Petsamo Fjord, about 500 meters south of Trifon. [ ] observed men moving about on this ship. 50X1-HUM
9. [ ] observed the following traffic and military activity in the Trifon area on two days in late July 1953:

First day

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0835 hours: A grey passenger car left the harbor and drove off in the direction

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of Pechenga (Petsamo). At the same time two men on foot left the harbor. One was dressed in a dark suit, and the other had on dark trousers and a light brown coat or jacket. The men appeared to be civilians.

- 0840 hours: Two men on horseback came from the east side of the harbor and stopped for a short time on the road leading from the harbor, moved to the highway which leads to Petsamo, and then disappeared from sight.
- 0905 hours: A jet plane was heard above the clouds. It came from the east, circled around the area for a half hour, and then disappeared.
- 0915 hours: Two trucks came from the military area along the road along the southeastern shore of Lake Trifona and drove to Trifon harbor.
- 1130 hours: Loud explosions were heard from the direction of Petsamo.
- 1135 hours: One loud explosion was heard from the direction of Petsamo.
- 1140 hours: Three trucks with eight boxes, all of the same size, piled on the platforms of the trucks, were observed driving along the road on the southeastern shore of Lake Trifona to the military area. The trucks stopped near the group of buildings in the center of the military area (see paragraph four of this report).
- 1150 hours: Three loud explosions were heard from the direction of Petsamo.
- 1155 hours: Four men on foot left the harbor.
- 1240 hours: A freighter left the harbor and proceeded in a northerly direction.
- 1245 hours: A three-masted ship came from the fjord and took the place vacated by the freighter. Men carried boxes and sacks from the ship to the dock. Four men on foot left the harbor.
- 1255 hours: Three trucks drove from the military area and came to the three-masted ship. The boxes and sacks were loaded on the trucks. At the same time, a grey passenger car drove to the harbor. The trucks left, one at a time, after being loaded and drove toward the military area.
- (No observations made between 1255 and 1530 hours.)
- 1530 hours: A freighter, which appeared to be heavily loaded, came from the direction of Petsamo and proceeded in a northerly direction.
- 1535 hours: About 10 to 15 explosions were heard from the direction of Petsamo. Two trucks left the harbor and drove along the road leading to Petsamo.
- 1540 hours: An airplane, flying from south to north, was heard above the clouds. Judging from the sound, source stated that it was probably a twin-engined plane.
- 1550 hours: A truck loaded with lumber was observed by source. Eight or ten men on foot left the harbor and dispersed in the village. The truck moved in the direction of Petsamo.

(No observations were made between 1550 and 1800 hours.)

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1805 hours: Three trucks and two passenger cars left the harbor. Three or four men rode on the platform of each truck. All of these vehicles turned in the direction of Petsamo.

1815 hours: [ ] the singing of military marching songs from the military area.

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1825 hours: One truck, which was empty, drove to the harbor.

Second day

0230 hours: Smoke began to come from the chimney of the central building on the military area.

0245 hours: Single soldiers moved about the military area.

0315 hours: A group of sailors walked to the lake shore, and there was movement in front of the barracks, followed by morning physical exercise.

0345 hours: About 25-30 sailors formed into four ranks in front of the barracks on the right, and marched to the group of buildings in the center of the area.

0420 hours: The same men as mentioned above returned singly and in small groups.

0500 hours: Small groups formed every five or ten minutes and marched from the barracks area along the road to the northeast. Some men walked singly or by twos in the same direction.

0505 hours: A jet plane, coming from the southeast, flew about above the clouds.

0520 hours: Some men moved around near the AA guns and trucks on the training field.

0525 hours: Four men entered the warehouse building through the door on the right (SE).

0610 hours: Three trucks from Trifon arrived in the military area. Several boxes of various sizes were on the platforms of each truck.

0615 hours: Another truck of the same type carrying the same type of load as mentioned above arrived in the military area.

0620 hours: A truck, which was towing an AA gun and carrying five or six men on the platform, left the military area and drove off in the direction of Petsamo.

0630 hours: The four trucks which arrived earlier departed with empty platforms in the direction of Trifon.

0650 hours: Two sailors on foot left the area and walked northeast.

0735 hours: An empty truck left the area and drove toward Trifon.

0745 hours: About 15 or 20 men ran out of the military area's gate toward the northeast. They were dressed in athletic uniforms of red shirts and white trousers.

0745 hours: A jet plane was heard flying above the clouds.

0750 hours: Another jet plane was heard flying above the clouds.

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- 0905 hours: [ ] heard firing from a heavy caliber gun from the northeast. Six rounds were fired in succession, followed by 15 or 20 minutes of silence, followed by six more shots. Firing continued in this manner until 1140 hours.
- 0930 hours: Two groups of sailors began playing some type of game with a ball near the dock.
- 1005 hours: Two grey trucks drove through the barracks area and continued in the direction of Trifon.
- 1050 hours: An empty truck arrived at the harbor.
- 1055 hours: Two men on foot left the harbor area.
- 1115 hours: A truck loaded with lumber left the harbor and drove through the military area to the northeast.
- 1140 hours: Two men in a rowboat rowed from the south to the north in Petsamo Fjord.
- 1410 hours: Several men, one at a time, walked about on the training ground. One man, apparently on guard duty, walked back and forth near the AA guns and trucks.
- 1420 hours: Two men on foot entered the harbor area.
- 1500 hours: Several sailors sat around near the barracks.
- 1535 hours: Activity was observed on board the three-masted ship.
- 1545 hours: A truck with three men on the platform left the harbor and drove off in the direction of Petsamo.
- 1615 hours: The three-masted ship moved from the harbor's dock to a cove on the west side of the harbor.
- 1640 hours: A truck, with four gasoline barrels (standard size, about 50 gallons) on the platform, entered the harbor. Two men on foot entered the harbor.
- 1720 hours: One group of four men and another group of six men entered the mess hall.
- 1725 hours: Four men left the mess hall and walked toward the training field.
- 1820 hours: Men moved back and forth between the buildings.
- 1835 hours: A grey passenger car left the barracks area and drove toward Trifon.
- 1840 hours: Four men on foot left the harbor area.
- 1900 hours: Very little activity was observed in the military area. A few men moved about, and a man on guard duty walked on the training field near the gate.

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10. [ ] observed one large barracks type of building and four smaller buildings which are located on the east side of Petsamo Fjord, southeast of Isomukka, at approximately N 69-33-45, E 31-20-50. All of the buildings are new.
11. A construction site is located about two kilometers south of Lake Akhven and one kilometer north of the north end of Lake Trifona. There are two barracks

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type of buildings, which appeared to be in poor condition and unused, at the extreme eastern end of the site. These barracks are located one behind another and are situated in a hollow formed by a brook. To the west of the hollow there is a level area on which a rectangular field, about 50 x 50 meters, is located. In each corner of the field there is a three-cornered construction about 2 to 2.5 meters high, each with a vertical mast on top. A fence made of crisscrossed poles, about 1.5 meters high, surrounds the field. On the west side of the field there is a low board building. On the east side of the field, in the center, there is an opening.

12. About 50 meters west of this field there is a shelter constructed of boards, about ten meters in length and about 2.5 meters in height, with some lumber piled next to it. On the west side of the structure the lumber is in orderly piles but on the east side it is in disorderly heaps. About 30 to 40 meters north of this structure there is a small board building which has a door and a small window on the north side. The building is about 2.5 x 3 meters, and two meters high. About ten meters north of this building there was a cab on wheels, which looked something like an automobile, on the northern end of which was a light-colored, round ring. West of this, in almost the center of the area, there is a low flat-roofed board building, which has two doors. The building is about 4 x 8 meters, and 2 to 2.5 meters high.
13. About 20 meters north of this building there was a tank car type of vehicle on wheels, about two meters long and 1.5 meters high. About 50 to 60 meters to the southwest of this vehicle there was another similar type of vehicle. These two vehicles were joined together by wires or pipes, which were supported by poles set up to form a tripod. A road leads north from the north edge of the area, and another road runs along the southern edge of the field to the construction area.
14. On the southern edge of the area, near the center, was a horse, and on the field a man walked back and forth in an east-west direction, stopping near the horse, and then continuing past the south side of a little hut to the construction area. (For a sketch of the area described in paragraphs 11-14 above, see page 7.)

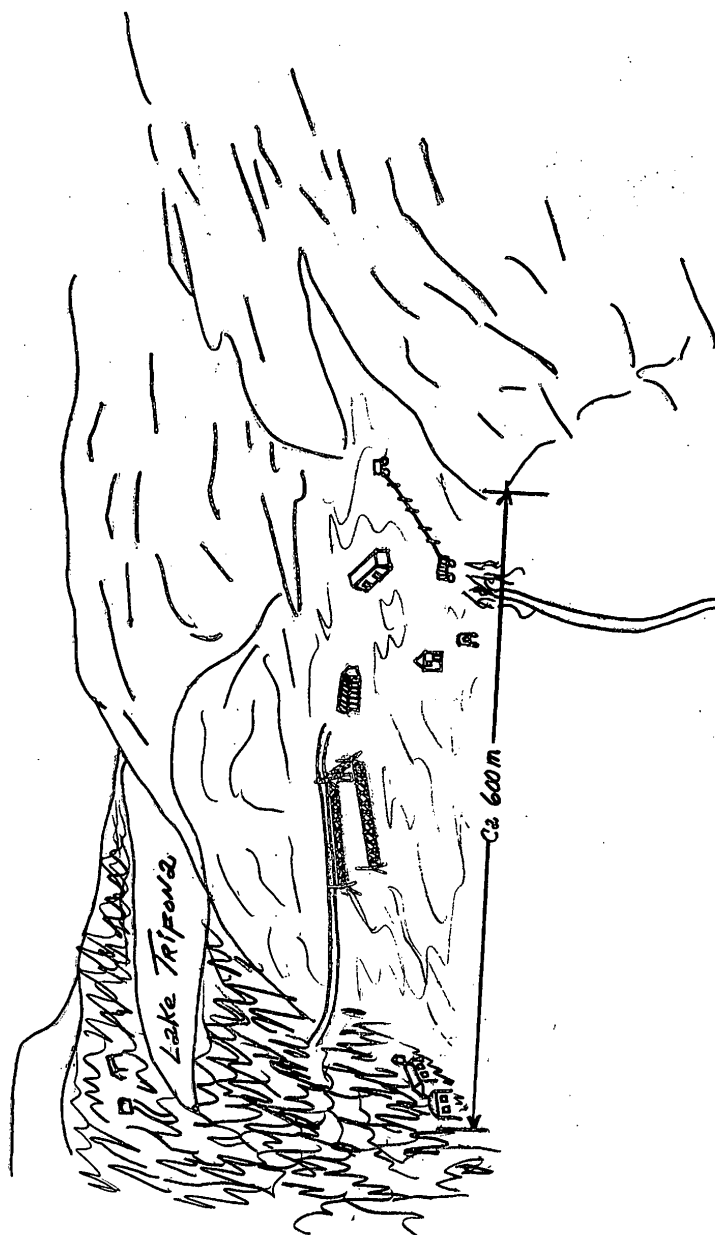
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Sketch of Soviet Construction Area South of Lake Akhven



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